

The Challenge to Love (from John)

John 13:23

Lying back on Jesus' chest was one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

1 John 4:19-21

¹⁹We love, because He first loved us. ²⁰If someone says, "I love God," and yet he hates his brother *or sister*, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother *and sister* whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God must also love his brother *and sister*.

John 13:1, 34-35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus, knowing that His hour had come that He would depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

³⁴I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all *people* will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."

John 15:9-14

⁹Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. ¹²"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends if you do what I command you.

1 John 3:16-18

¹⁶We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers *and sisters*. ¹⁷But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother *or sister* in need, and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God remain in him? ¹⁸Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷And He said to him, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' ³⁸This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' ⁴⁰Upon these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 5:48

Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Listening Homework:

Fred Hammond. CD title: *Somethin' 'bout Love* (great CD on love; link to sampling on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMIJfq6JEORf6k3XU4YhTU70h6Y9ifKZ0>)
Men of Standard, Volume 3. Song Title: Love (link to song on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HB5zTk-R7ls&ab_channel=MenofStandard-Topic)